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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 0416

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, SU

SUBJECT: NEW DIRECTION AT FOREIGN MINISTRY

1. DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE SEEN FROM FBIS RBLORTING THAT, AS PART OF GENERAL GOVERNMENT RESHUFFLE, MAHJOUB MAKKAWI HAS REPLACED JAMAL MOHAMED AHMED AS FOREIGN MINISTER AND THATX FRANCIS DENG HAS BEEN NAMED TO THE NEW POSITION OF MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. BOTH MAKKAWI AND DENG ARE WELL KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY. DEPARTMENT POSSESSES ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON LATTER WHO AS AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON WAS PERSISTENT ADVOCATE OF RETURN TO NORMALCY IN US-SUDANESE RELATIONS. MAKKAWI HAS LONG EXPERIENCE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HAVING ONCE SERVED AS UNDERSECRETARY IN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND MOST RECENTLY AS BOTH SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS IN THE SUDANESE SOCIALIST UNION SECRETARIAT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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OF THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY. HE SHOULD BE A COMPETENT AND THOUGHT-

FUL FOREIGN MINISTER AND A MAN WITH WHOM AMERICAN OFFICIALS CAN  
DEAL ON A FRIENDLY, REASONABLE BASIS. MORE COMPLETE BIO  
DATA WILL BE SENT SEPARATELY.

3. QUT HAS BEEN CLEAR FOR SOME TIME THAT JAMAL MOHAMED  
AHMED WOULD NOT REMAIN FOREIGN MINISTER. FACT THAT  
PRESIDENT NIMEIRI HAS SPECIAL ADVISORS FOR ARAB AND AFRICAN  
AFFAIRS (MAMOUN AWAD ABU ZEID AND KHALID HASSAN ABBAS)  
OF COURSE DMINISHED AHMED'S AUTHORITY CONSIDERABLY.  
IT IS PERHAPS SIGNIFICANT THAT THESE ADVISORY POSITIONS  
HAVE NOW BEEN ABOLISHED (WITH THE INCUMBEHS MOVING ON TO  
MINISTRIES).

4. FOREIGN POLICY DECISIONS IN SUDAN ON ISSUES OF ANY  
IMPORTANCE WHATSOEVER ARE MADE BY THE PRESIDENT.  
NEVERTHELESS, TO THE EXTENT THAT MAKKAWI AND DENG CAN  
INFLUENCE THESE DECISIONS WE WOULD EXPECT NO BASIC CHANGE  
IN SUDANESE POLICY EITHER BILATERALLY VIS-A-VIS THE U.S.,  
REGIONALLY OR GLOBALLY.  
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